(c) what are the results of such initiative?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister has held meetings on 7th and 8th December, 1990 in New Delhi with representatives of political parties from Punjab. The meetings were attended by representatives of Congress(I), Akali Dal (Panthic), A. D. (Pheruman), S. A. D. (Longowal), C. P. I., C. P. I. (M), Janta Dal, B. J. P., B. S. P. and Janta Dal (S). Various suggestions were made by the participants.

Right to Work

599. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill in either House of the Parliament incorporating "Right to employment" as fundamental right therein; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to introduce such a Bill in the Parliament.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the decision taken at the meeting of National Development Council, a Committee has been set up to examine the legal, operational, organisational and financial aspects of the approach for achieving the goal of right to work.

Right to Work as Fundamental Right

600. SHRI RAJ MOHAN GANDHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps to include the Right to Work as a Fundamental Right and also to make its economic, industrial and educational policies employment-oriented; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) and (b) The apporach to and modalities of operationalising the Right to work are being examined by a Committee of the National Development Council in accordance with the decision of the Council at its meeting held on 11th October, 1990.

The Eighth Plan Approach document proposes employment as the central thrust of the Plan. For this purpose, the Approach suggests that substantial shifts in the pattern of investment in favour of sectors and activities using less capital and more labour per unit of output would be necessary. The basic elements of the strategy are: rapid and geographically diversified growth of agriculture, diversification of agriculture into high value crops, development of appropriate support and policy framework for the growth of non-agricultural activities in rural areas, emphasis on small and decentralised segments of manufacturing sector, large scale programmes of construction, expansion and strengthening of social infrastructure, education and health, particularly in rural areas and reorientation of education to give emphasis to technical and vocational aspects and development of skills, besides greater priority to mass literacy and elementary and secondary education. Details will be incorporated in the Eighth Plan document.

Delay in Sea Bird Project at Karver and Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala

601. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether two prestigious projects of the Indian Navy *viz.* the Sea Bird Projects